(b) if so, by when and what shall be the sailent features of the said policy;

(c) how the common people are going to be benefited from the said policy;

(d) whether the life-savingand essential drugs will be availableon controlled prices readily; if so,the measures taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OP STATE *U! THE* DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, ir.

(b) to (d) Shortly, Sir. The new Drug Policy would be self-explana-
: ^ tory.

Survey on sick units

2132. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of sick industrial units which axe resulting in loss of production, loss of employment, loss o| revenue, loss of investment and financial institutions as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 1st January, 1986;

(b) whether Government have m»de any survey in the matter;

(c) if so, what are the details ^ thereof; and

- (d) what steps are being taken to receive such sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUS. TRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a> Yes, Sir.

^ (b) and (c) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks pie collected by the Ee.serve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted 'by it. According to latest duta availabla from It, there,,were 93,282 sick units in the country as on 31.12.1984 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 3633 chores.

(d) In accordance with the policy guidelines issued by the Government in October 1981. on sick industrial units, banks and financial institutions draw, up rehabilitation programmes in respect of the potentially viable units on case to case basis. The rehabilitation programmes are tailor-made to suit particular casps an,j they contain both short term and long term mea-fsures including financial concessions like waiver of penal interest, funding of interest, reduction in the rate of interest and margin, rescheduling the overdue liabilities [irregularities for , Tecovery in a phased manner depen- > ding upon the cash genreation grant of need-based working capital and term loan facilities and other measures like change ni management, proposal for merge with healthy unit?, ihrough Income Tex relief etc.

As far as banks are concerned, all schedulted commercial banks have • set up within thier organisation specialised cells to deal with various problems associated with sick industrial undertaking's. One of the task of their cells is to identify the units whicli are sick or prone to sickness, so that increased attention could be devoted to such units and corrective actions taken. Bank liave also been advised to take steps to strengthen their cap:jbility for interpreting data furnished by the industrial units assisted by them, improve communication b-^twscn the branches and the Head Office on units vvhich show signs of .sicknc ss etc.

Also. '-The Sick Industrial Com-•'panies (Special Provisions) Act, 19S5" has been enacted -which provides, inter-alia for timely detection of Kick find potentially sick industrial units and for establishment of a quasijudicial body to be designated as the Board for Industrial and Fin-

ancial Reconstruction with powerg^ to consider suitable measures for speady rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industrial units.

Temporary employees in p«st offices

2133. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of temporary or part time employees in the post •offices in the country at present; and

(b) by when they are likely to be made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) In the post offices the temporary employees and part-time employees are not the same category of employees. The emplloyees recruited! , in a particular cadre of the Post Office, initially join in temporary capacities. The temporary employees are made permanent according to their seniority in the grade and on availability of permanent posts. The i;iart-time employees are part-time casual workers, The desired information can be furnished if the doubt about t)ie question is clarified.

Advance amount received by car, 5j truck and chassis dealers ,._

2134. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the car, truck and chassis dealers in the ' Union Territories (especially, the Union Territory of Pondicherry) are receiving advance amount for delivering the vehicles to the customers; and

(b) whether the :;aid deposit of the amount by the customer is permissible; if not, what action Government have taken against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUS TRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Taking of advance deposits for delivery of goods is a normal commercial prac tice.

Applications for power counectioBS from Badli Entrepreneur's Association

2135. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
DR. SHRIMATI SAROJINI ; MAHISHI: '
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI;
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the applications for industrial power connections received by the Delhi l-Ilectric Supply Undertaking from Badli Entrepreneurs' Association of Delliij during the last three years, year-wise,

(b) the action taken by the DSSU on these applications;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the entrepreneurs have suffered loss due to no action by DESU; and

(d) if so, the magnitude of the loss suffered by those entrepreiaeurs?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) During the last 3 years, DESU had received 58 applications from entrepreneurs for industrial power connections in Badli ludustrial Estate